

U.S. Embassy Paramaribo Medical Evacuation and Air Ambulance Information

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Medical treatment in Suriname's private hospitals varies in reliability, cost, and quality.

If you decide to contact a medical evacuation and/or air ambulance provider about transportation to the United States, please make sure to provide the exact location of the patient in Suriname as well as the destination in the U.S. or elsewhere.

If you decide on medical evacuation to the U.S., you must make advance arrangements for a U.S. hospital to receive the individual being evacuated. Please be aware that the U.S. receiving doctor will wish to speak to the local doctor in Suriname treating the patient; and that the patient cannot be moved until the attending physician(s) allow the patient to be transferred; and an airline or medevac company agrees to facilitate the patient's travel.

To avoid delay, the arranger or the patient should inform the local doctor treating the patient they are starting the medical evacuation process. This so the arranger or patient can receive all necessary reports, in English, in a timely matter.

The arranger or the patient is responsible for all costs of medevac services. Costs are sometimes covered by private medical insurance or travelers' insurance purchased before a trip. Payment in part or in full may be required in advance, so contacting insurance or other sources of funds should be undertaken early in the process as the costs are substantial. Some premium credit card companies (AmEx, Citibank, etc.) have emergency medical assistance available for certain members.

The least expensive way to medically evacuate a U.S. citizen is via a commercial air carrier. The patient, a family member, or doctor should contact the airline directly explain the situation and ask what information they need.

If commercial carriers are not available or cannot provide the services required due to the urgency of travel or severity of the medical condition, you or the patient can contact an air ambulance service. A list of air ambulance services servicing Suriname appears below.

Medical Evacuation Service Providers

Air Ambulance 1

10830 Craighead Dr. Houston, TX 77025

Tel. +1 (832) 900-9000

Fax: +1 (832) 900-9000

E-mail: Dispatch@airambulance1.com

Website: www.AirAmbulance1.com

Language Spoken: English, Spanish, French, and Arabic.

Trinity Air Ambulance International, LLC

3535 Galt Ocean Drive Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Tel: 954-771-7911

Cell: 305-205-0570

Email: Contact@trinityairambulance.com

Website: <http://www.trinityairambulance.com>

Website: www.FlyTrinity.com

Language Spoken: English, Spanish, Dutch, French/Creole, Portuguese, German

Within Suriname (the interior to Paramaribo)

Mission Aviation Fellowship Suriname (MAF Suriname)

Doekhieweg Oost 7 Paramaribo

Tel: (+597) 462101 or 432964

Email: info@maf.sr

Website: www.maf.sr

Language Spoken: English, Dutch, Sranan Tongo, Portuguese, German.

GUM Air

Doekhieweg 3 Paramaribo

Tel: (597) 498760 / (+597) 432057

Guyana: (597) 433830/

(597) 7455447(WhatsApp)

Email: info@gumair.sr

Website: www.gumair.sr

Language Spoken: English and Dutch